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This is programme number of the News Letter. We present the list of good things that await you in Chicago May 18-21. We hope that all of your plans are made to come to Chicago that you may enjoy the Conference and take back for the good of the home church the inspiration received. Undoubtedly there will be a large attendance of Alliance women, as the open meeting of the National Board is to discuss Western problems. There is no part of the programme that any one interested in our cause can afford to miss, save from positive inability to attend, for it all bears upon our special work in the world of human interests.

These are momentous days for Unitarianism. In the past our churches have been in a large measure isolated, caring but little for the denominational life and work, but a great change is coming over our people, in which we are becoming self-conscious as a denomination. Coming to take ourselves seriously, we begin to ask what we are like and what means we should employ to make our influence felt in the lives and affairs of men. Such an attempt is made in the articles presented to our board of directors, and which it in turn presents to our constituency. Very few Unitarians know much about our ecclesiastical machinery, and some one has said that they care less than they know. This may have been true a short time ago, but it is not at present, for all who have the good of our cause at heart realize that its energies must have form and direction. Until we have readjusted our machinery to meet the needs of our times, there will be creaking and complaining, but once we are set in order there is promise of a future prophesied, not of past material success, but of the glory of the vision that our fathers in the faith possessed. Their dreams of brotherhood in freedom it is ours to help actualize.

Next month the News Letter will contain a full report of the Conference. Among other items will be a financial statement by the treasurer, giving in detail the receipts from the churches. The importance to the churches of a central bureau, and the need for missionary work, should be so thoroughly understood by our people as to make the work of the treasurer, for which he receives no pay, as light as is possible under the responsibilities of his office. It will aid him if the churches will send in their contributions early and make them generous.

Fifty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Western Unitarian Conference

To Be Held in the Church of the Messiah, Chicago, Michigan Blvd. and 23rd St., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, May Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth and Twenty-First, Nineteen Hundred Eight.

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INVITATION.

The First Unitarian Society of Chicago invites the members of the Western Unitarian Conference to attend the fifty-sixth annual meeting as its guests. Members of the Society will be glad to entertain delegates at their homes. Those who accept this invitation are requested to send their names and addresses not later than May 11th to Miss MacFarland, 220 East Forty-eighth street. A card will then be sent to each of those who accept, giving them the name of their host or hostess, with directions for reaching the house to which they are assigned.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE CONFERENCE.

Any person may become a Life Member of this Conference by the payment of twenty-five dollars in one sum, or an Annual Member by the payment of one dollar.

Delegate Membership is acquired by certificate of appointment by any religious society or organization that shall have, during the previous year, contributed not less than ten dollars to the Conference. Such society or organization may be so represented by three general delegates, and one additional delegate for every thirty families. These delegates, together with all the officers of the Conference, or the State Conferences within its limits, and all missionaries at work within its limits, alone have the right to vote.

DIRECTORY.

The meetings of the conference will be held at the Church of the Messiah, on the corner of Michigan Avenue

and Twenty-third street. Take Cottage Grove and Indiana avenue cars to Twenty-third street, or South Side Elevated to Twenty-second street.

The luncheons will be served in the Church parlors.

Plates for the National Alliance luncheon are fifty cents each and must be ordered not later than Saturday, May 16th, of Mrs. W. J. Jarvis, Hinsdale, Ill.

The ministers' dinner will be held at the Lexington hotel, one block north of the church. Tickets are fifty cents each, and may be had of Mr. Pulsford any time up to Monday, May 18th.

The closing banquet will be held under the auspices of the Unitarian Club of Chicago at the Palmer House. Tickets are one dollar and a half, and may be procured from Miss Lina Scheible, 175 Dearborn street, Chicago, or at the church. Tickets must be procured by noon on Thursday, May 21st. Guests will assemble in the Palmer House parlors at 6 p. m. Dinner will be served at 6:30.

PROGRAMME.

Monday, May 18.

8:00 p. m. Conference Sermon, Rev. George A. Thayer, Cincinnati.

TUESDAY, MAY 19.

Alliance Day Programme.

10:30 a. m. Special Board Meeting to consider the condition and needs of the West, Miss Emma C. Low, National President, presiding.
(Open to all interested in the Alliance work.)

12:30 p. m. Alliance Luncheon—Director for Illinois, Mrs. W. J. Jarvis presiding.
Greetings from visiting directors.

2:00 Organ Recital, Mrs. J. H. Mueller, Bloomington.

2:30 Public Meetings, Mrs. Emma N. Delano, Vice-President Western States, presiding.
Opening Hymn.
Invocation, Rev. Florence Buck, Kenosha.
Address of Welcome, Mrs. Grant Beebe, President Chicago Associate Alliance.
Address of National President, Miss Emma C. Low.
Roll call.
Address, "The Hopers and Workers," Rev. Marion Murdoch.
Discussion led by Rev. Celia P. Woolley.

5.30 Ministers' Luncheon.
Address, "A Definition of Unitarianism Framed to Show Its Identity with Essential Americanism," Rev. Charles Ferguson, Kansas City.
Discussion led by Rev. J. M. A. Spence, Hinsdale.

8:00 Platform Meeting.
Subject, "The Religion for Today."
(a) "Free as Opposed to Authority," Rev. William Forkell, Aurora.
(b) "The Inversion of Humanity and Deity," Rev. E. Stanton Hodgin, Minneapolis.
(c) "The Call of a Divine Universe," Rev. W. L. Beers, Youngstown.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20.

9:30 a. m. Address of Welcome, Rev. W. H. Pulsford.
President's Address, Hon. Morton D. Hull.
Secretary's Report, Rev. W. M. Backus.
Treasurer's Report, Mr. H. W. Brough.
Written Reports of five minutes' each from the State Secretaries.
Minnesota—Rev. R. W. Boynton.
Iowa—Rev. Eleanor E. Gordon.
Missouri Valley—Rev. J. Lewis Marsh.
Illinois—Rev. J. H. Mueller.
Wisconsin—Rev. F. A. Gilmore.
Michigan—Hon. A. C. Kingman.
Address, "Missionary Efficiency," Rev. Samuel A. Eliot, D. D., Boston, Mass., President American Unitarian Association.
Discussion led by Rev. Albert R. Vail, Champaign.

1:00 p. m. Luncheon.

2:00 Paper, "Pragmatism," Rev. G. R. Dodson, St. Louis.
Discussion led by Rev. August Dellgren, Chicago.

3:30 Paper, "Religion in the Making," Prof. G. B. Foster, Chicago.

4:15 Vesper Service conducted by Rev. Henry Wilder Foote, Ann Arbor.

8:00 Platform Meeting.
Subject, "The Church and Civic Righteousness."
(a) "Individual," Rev. Florence Buck, Kenosha.
(b) "Municipal," Rev. Anthony Mills, Rockford.
(c) "National," Rev. R. W. Boynton, Buffalo.

THURSDAY, MAY 21.

9:30 a. m. Sunday School Meeting, Rev. J. P. MacCarthy, Kalamazoo, presiding.
Paper, "Making the Sunday School Worth While," Rev. Minot O. Simons, Cleveland.
Discussion.

11:00 Paper, "Progressive Sunday School Work," Rev. W. S. Nichols, Colorado Springs.
Discussion.

12:00 m. Business session.

1:00 p. m. Luncheon.

2:00 Young People's Meeting, Rev. Henry W. Foote, director of Y. P. R. U., presiding.
Address, "The Young People's Society," Rev. E. C. Smith, Green Bay.
Address, "The Need of Doctrinal Instruction," Rev. R. S. Loring, Iowa City.
Address, "Young People's Literary Clubs," Rev. Edward Day, Wichita.
Discussion.

6:00 Assemble at Palmer House.

6:30 Banquet.
Toastmaster, A. M. Rihbany, Toledo.
Speakers:
Samuel A. Eliot, Boston.
J. H. Jones, Topeka.
F. A. Gilmore, Madison.
J. H. Mueller, Bloomington.
Manfred Lilliefors, St. Cloud.

THREE PHASES OF OUR FAITH.

MARION MURDOCH.

(Part of address given before New York League, and Chicago Associate Alliance.)

Unitarianism in this country might appropriately be called a discovery. Like all discoveries, it was not confined to one mind or one place, and we may say that there were three distinct sources and phases of it.

With the earnest Holland reformer, Huidekoper, who settled in Meadville, the discovery was rather with reference to the book, the Bible. Mr. Huidekoper discovered that the New Testament was Unitarian in its teaching. He believed that a right interpretation of it would establish the truth of his faith, through Scripture. He therefore founded the Theological School at Meadville, Pa., mainly for critical study in this direction.

With our New England seer, William Ellery Channing, the discovery was above all that of the divine humanity. He emphasized pre-eminently the thought that the divine life of Jesus could be comprehended because we were all in some measure divine. God incarnate in degree in every soul was for him the greatest of all discoveries.

For Joseph Priestley, founder of our first church in Philadelphia, the great discovery was the truth that religion and ethics are not outside the realm of natural law, that there is no real antagonism between science and religion.

I do not mean to imply that these leaders alone made these discoveries, but that they were leaders and thinkers along the distinctive lines I have indicated, Professor Huidekoper basing his argument upon the New Testiment and the teachings of Jesus, that is, upon the literature phase of the faith; Channing basing his upon the human soul, and Priestley emphasizing the revelations of science.

I am well aware that a statement of this kind is partial and incomplete, that back of all these leaders there were strong, liberal influences, German, Dutch, English, for no one, not even a great discoverer, thinketh to himself alone.

But thus independently of each other arose these three distinct phases of the Unitarian movement in America. Each, of course, embraced and implied the other to some extent, but the origin of each was different, and the three types of min represented in these three leaders it would be very interesting to consider.

Our first century of Unitarianism, then, started with Priestley affirming the sacredness of science—it started with Channing and with Emerson, affirming the authority and divinity of the human soul; it started with the Holland Huidekopers, declaring the necessity of a rational interpretation of the New Testament; and these three streams of thought have now become one.

The past century of our faith, therefore, has been a very eventful one, and we are only now learning how much is implied in these affirmations. In our formative period it was customary to emphasize most of all what we denied. One is reminded here of the definition of faith given by an Oxford student. "Faith," he said, "is that attribute of the mind by which we are enabled to believe that which is not true." In the protesting stage we had reached the point of saying that we would not believe, nor teach what was not true. This is always the first phase of the protesting movement, and then follows the affirmative period. After a time we came to realize that while there were great errors to be combated, there were above all great truths to be affirmed.

Consider for a moment what is involved in the three phases of faith to which I have referred as discoveries. On the scientific side the recognition of law everywhere, not miracle but marvelous order, human beings not isolated waifs wandering like falling stars out of their orbits, but integral parts of this vast system of harmony, a system permitting such careful classifications, and revealing such wonders and beauty that the mind is awed into reverence at every thought of it.

Then the scriptural phase of our faith. When it was discovered that the early Christian church was in a certain sense Unitarian, the doctrine of the Trinity not having then been formulated, there was much zeal in expounding particular texts. But the textual era began to be a very tedious one, and gradually more time was spent in a general study of Bible literature. Critical scholarship has now practically gained the day. The Bible is considered, in our own and in many other churches, not as a single book, but as many books of varying value. It is regarded as a part of the world's great literature, to be studied as other literature is studied, to be ranked not as different in kind, but in degree, from the sacred books of other nations and races, and from the great poetry, ancient and modern, that has inspired and uplifted life.

The third phase of our faith, which we may call more especially the spiritual phase, represented by Channing in its beginnings, is more and more growing upon us as the great central affirmation that must prevail in all religious life, and in all religious movements, God in the soul, the divine humanity, of which Jesus is so beautiful an example. This sense of God in the soul is a sense of eternal life; it implies immortality. The sense of God in the soul is a sense of righteousness and purity; it implies character. The sense of God in the soul is a consciousness of the worth of humanity; it implies love, and the flower of love, philanthropy. The sense of an indwelling God creates aspiration; it implies worship.

Thus are we coming to realize at the beginning of this second century of our growth that we have a great affirmative gospel. As the depth and breadth and beauty of this message forces itself upon us, the question at once arises, Why has there not been a more rapid growth of churches? But the movement, we must remember, is, when estimated by centuries, a new movement. It is of slower growth, too, because it is not sectarian in its character, but rather eclectic, taking truth fearlessly from any source whatsoever. We are beginning to realize also, that it has been not so much the unpopularity of our thought as lack of method that has often hindered. We are entering now upon a new era, the discovery of our opportunity. We are awakening, as Professor Everett has well said, to "a better organization of our individual churches and societies, and a wiser ordering of all our work." Careful organization promotes growth, it gives opportunity for each to lend a hand, thus utilizing energies and cultivating the divine art of working together.

We have to remember, too, in church life as in individual life, the words of the Indian sage, that earnestness is the path to immortality, and thoughtlessness the path to death. There are sins of omission as well as commission. A little girl in a Sunday School class defined a sin of omission as "One of them sins that ain't been committed yet, but ought to be." There should be nothing equal to the stimulus of a great principle in religion or ethics to call out the fervent activity of the spirit. It is action in the line of the great ideals we hold today that is to advance and sustain them. The new faith brings in a way that the old faiths did not and could not, tremendous personal responsibilities.

Our aim in this great work, what is it? It is that all may reach upward and outward for the largest, the deepest, the brightest, the loveliest things of existence. This idea can never be fully attained. But there will be increasing joy in the service for it. Giving ourselves to such a cause, we shall grow richer in things spiritual, richer in that love of nature and humanity which is, I profoundly believe, the crown of all spiritual life.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Chicago.—Rev. August Dellgren of the First Swedish Society has compiled a hymn and service book, which he has had printed in the Swedish language. Mr. Dellgren hopes that this book will find wide use among his countrymen, as it is the first liberal hymn book published in that language. It is a neat volume. It also contains a number of familiar hymns printed in English. Mr. Dellgren has overcome one of the difficulties of worship that present themselves to those who come out of a state church and find that no preparation has been made for worship in a new belief in their language, so the new seems barren. He and his people are to be congratulated on this enrichment of their service.

Lincoln, Neb.—At a meeting of the parish held Saturday evening, April 4, Rev. Arthur Weatherly, of Worcester, Mass., was called to the pulpit of All Souls' church. Mr. Weatherly will find a great opportunity open up before him in the capital city of Nebraska. Mr. Marsh has prepared the way by his remarkable work for his successor to reap where he has sown.

Hinsdale, Ill.—At its annual meeting Unity church extended a unanimous call to Rev. J. M. A. Spence to become its minister. Mr. Spence has been supplying the pulpit for some months, so neither party is acting hastily in forming this union. During the period of Mr. Spence's supplying the congregations at Hinsdale have grown most wonderfully.

St. Paul, Minn.—Wednesday evening, April 22, Rev. John Dumont Reid was installed as minister of Unity church. The order of service was congregational, the formal word on the part of the congregation being spoken by Mr. H. E. Randall. In the service Rev. H. B. Taylor gave the invocation, Rev. E. S. Hodgin made the prayer, and addresses were delivered by Rev. S. M. Crothers, D. D., Rev. R. W. Boynton, and Rev. W. M. Backus. There was a large audience present to witness and take part in the service that bound together as minister and people a church loyal to its ideals and devoted to its duty and a minister whose life has been of such quality and whose gifts of spiritual leadership have been proved to be such as to fit him for his high calling.

Urbana-Champaign.—The church at this university center, though but a year old, finds itself ready to build. All the subscriptions expected have not yet come in, but enough has been raised by the local canvass and the generous appropriations of the American Unitarian Association to warrant starting the work of construction. The new chapel will be built according to plans furnished by Mr. Root of Kansas City on an attractive corner lot facing the university campus. It will be one of three churches overlooking the campus. All the others are a mile away. The trustees and Woman's Alliance have built up a society which, though young, is well knit together and strong. Strangers are continually attending services and social gatherings. With the completion of the church in the fall there will doubtless follow a decided expansion and increase in membership.

Chicago.—The Associate Alliance met on Thursday, April 2, at Unity church. Mrs. Grant Beebe presided. Meeting called to order at 11 o'clock. Minutes of February meeting read and approved, also treasurer's report. Mrs. E. A. Delano reported that a new Alliance had been formed in Hobart, Indiana, and stated that they had voted to join the Chicago Associate Alliance. Motion was made that the secretary send greetings from the Associate Alliance to the branch in Hobart and invite them to join our Alliance.

Reference was made to the approaching Conference to be held in Chicago in May, at the Church of the Messiah. An Alliance day will be one of the features of the Conference. May 19th is the date Chairman of Philanthropic News Committee gave a most interesting report of work along this line. Motion was made that our Alliance send greetings through Mrs. Delano to the meeting of the executive board to be held in New York city April 10th. The paper of the day was given by Mrs. W. M.

Backus, "What Unitarians Should Teach Their Children," discussion following the paper. The next meeting will be held in Hinsdale on May 7th. Mr. Spence will give the paper, taking for his subject "The Evolution of Love."

Adjourned for luncheon and the social hour.

EMMA C. BAKER, Sec'y.

Chicago.—The directors met April 10th at 3 p. m. Present, Messrs. Hull, Pulsford, Hawley, Temple, Brough and Backus. The meeting was called to consider a series of articles that had been drawn relating to the organization of our missionary body and which were to be presented to the next session of the Western Conference for adoption. Owing to their importance it was voted by the board to obtain as wide a circulation for them as possible before the meeting, that our constituency might be informed. The articles were presented by President Hull, and are as follows:

It is the belief of this Conference that the very existence of the Unitarian body depends on its success in developing courage and the habit of individual initiative in our congregations, schools and ministers.

We should inevitably become one of the numerous fossil sects of protestantism if we ceased to demand a keen and vital activity from all our members.

Material and numerical expansion can never take the place of rugged independence, loyalty to conviction and fearlessness in the demand for truth.

We believe that this spirit can thrive only under the purest form of democratic self-government, and that therefore all denominational authority must be derived from and be controlled by the representative vote of the churches.

We do not believe that the present organization of the American Unitarian Association adequately meets these needs, and therefore suggest:

First, That votes at the annual meeting of the Association be restricted to delegates.*

Second, That the importance of being represented at such meetings be urged upon the individual churches.

Third, That directors attending the meetings of the board should have their necessary railroad expenses paid out of the funds of the Association.

Fourth, That before any church application for aid be considered it should bear the indorsement of the State Secretary and the board of directors of the State and District Conferences, to which it belongs.

Fifth, That before missionary funds are voted for starting a new church in any locality a report of the proposed action from the officers of the State and District conferences (where such already exist) should be laid before the directors of the Association.

Sixth, That in general any action of the Association affecting local interests should be taken only after consultation with the local authorities.

Seventh, That it would be well for churches asking advice as regards the settlement of a minister to apply to the Committee on Fellowship.

After voting to have the Conference banquet at the Palmer House, the meeting adjourned.

W. M. BACKUS, Sec'y.

*At present the total possible number of delegates from the whole of the United States and Canada is 930. The year books shows 2,589 life members, 150 of which were added during the past year, but whose residence is not given. The affairs of the American Unitarian Association are thus absolutely under the control of life members.

DIRECTORY

A Directory of the Independent churches in the Western Unitarian Conference. The object of this list is to direct those who care to know where to find our churches and ministers:

Alton, Ill.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Henry W. Foote.

Bloomington, Ill—Unitarian Church, East and Jefferson Sts. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. J. H. Mueller, 506 East Chestnut St.

Brooklyn, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M.

Buda, Ill.—Union Christian Society. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev Ed. H. Barrett.

Burlington, Iowa.—People's Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M

Chicago, Ill.—Church of the Messiah, Michigan Ave. and Twenty-third St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. W. Hanson Pulsford, 115 E. Twenty-third St.

Chicago, Ill.—Hull Memorial Chapel, Fifty-seventh St. and Woodlawn Ave. Hour of service, 4 P. M. Rev W. Hanson Pulsford, 115 E. Twenty-third St.

Chicago, Ill.—Unity Church, Barry Ave., near Evanston Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Fred V. Hawley, 2429 North Hermitage Ave.

Chicago, Ill.—Third Unitarian Church, W. Monroe St., near Kedzie Ave. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Chicago, Ill.—First Swedish Unitarian Church, Wells Hall, 1629 N. Clark St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. August Dellgren, 767 Sheffield Av

Cincinnati, Ohio.—The First Congregational Church of Cincinnati, Reading Rd. and Linton St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George A. Thayer, 304 Oak St.

Cleveland, Ohio.—The Church of the Unity, Euclid and Genesee Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Minot O. Simons, 1916 East Eighty-second St.

Colorado Springs, Col.—All Souls' Unitarian Church, Dale and Tejon Sts. Hour of service, 4:15 P. M. Rev. William S. Nichols.

Davenport, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Robert E. Ramsay.

Decorah, Iowa.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Margaret T. Olmstead.

Denver, Col.—Unity Church, Nineteenth Ave. and Broadway. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. David Utter, 1557 Logan Ave.

Des Moines, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Mary A. Safford

Detroit, Mich.—First Congregational Unitarian Society, Woodward Av. and Edmund Place. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Reed Stuart, 76 Stimson Place.

Duluth, Minn.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George R. Gebaner.

Evanston, Ill.—Church of All Souls. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. Vila Blake, 37 Ashland Blvd., Chicago.

Fort Collins, Colo.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Duren J. H. Ward.

Geneseo, Ill.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 10:45 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. David M. Kirkpatrick.

Geneva, Ill.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A.M. Prof. Geo. Foster.

Gimli, Manitoba.—Unitarian Society. Hour of service, Rev. J. P. Solmundsson.

Grand Haven, Mich.—First Unitarian Society, Washington St., between Third and Fourth Sts. Hour of service 7 P. M.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—All Souls Liberal Church. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. H. B. Bard.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Holland Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 10 A. M. Rev. B. A. Van Sluyters, R. F. D. 9.

Greeley, Col.—Unity Church, Ninth St. and Ninth Ave. Hour of service, 10:45. Rev. T. Clinton Brockway.

Hanska, Minn.—Nora Free Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. A. E. Norman.

Harrietta, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service, 10 A. M.

Hinsdale, Ill.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Hobart, Ind.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M. alternate Sundays. Rev. John Visher.

Humboldt, Iowa.—Unity Church. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. C. P. Wellman.

Indianapolis, Ind.—All Souls' Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Frank C. S. Wicks, 17 Michigan St.

Iowa City, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. Robert S. Loring.

Jackson, Mich.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. R. Shaw Barrow, 508 Fourth St.

Kalamazoo, Mich.—People's Church, Park and Lovell Sts. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. Joseph P. MacCarthy.

Kansas City, Mo.—All Souls' Church, Baltimore Ave. and Armour Boul. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Charles Ferguson, 218 East 31st St.

Kenosha, Wis.—Henry M. Simmons Memorial Church, Chicago St. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Florence Buck, 427 Congress St.

Keokuk, Iowa—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. M. Rowena Morse, Ph D., 704 Grand Ave.

Lawrence, Kan.—The Unitarian Church, Hancock and Vermont Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Frederick M. Bennett, 1201 Vermont St.

Lincoln, Neb.—All Souls' Church, Twelth and H. Sts. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M.

Luverne, Minn.—Unity Congregation Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. B. A. Hills.

Madison, Wis.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. F. A. Gilmore.

Manistee, Mich.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M.

Milwaukee, Wis.—First Unitarian Society, Ogden Ave. and Astor St. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

Minneapolis, Minn.—First Unitarian Society, Eighth St. and Mary Place. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. E. Stanton Hodgin.

Moline, Ill.—First Unitarian Church, Sixteenth St. and Sixth Ave. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Monroe, Wis.—United Liberal Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. J. H. Palmer.

Mount Pleasant, Mich.—First Congregational Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. H. Van Ommeren.

Neillsville, Wis.—People's Church. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Without minister.

Omaha, Neb.—Unity Church, Seventeenth and Cass streets. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Newton Mann, 421 N. Seventeenth St.

Onsted, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service 11 A. M.

Ord, Neb.—People's Unitarian Church of Ord. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Mary L. Leggett.

Pueblo, Colo.—Unity Church, Court and Ninth Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M. Rev. W. S. Nichols.

Quincy, Ill.—Second Congregational Church, 633 Main St. Hour of service 10:30 A. M. Rev. C. F. Elliott.

Salem, Ohio.—Unity Church, Pioneer Building, Garfield Avenue and East Main Street. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. A. Irvine Innes, 181 Garfield Avenue.

St. Louis, Mo.—Church of the Messiah, Union Ave. and Morgan St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. John W. Day, 320 North Newstead Ave.

St. Louis, Mo.—Church of the Unity, Park and Armstrong Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George R. Dodson, 48 Nicholson Place.

St. Paul, Minn.—Unity Church, Portland Ave. and Grotto St. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Rev. John D. Reid.

Shelbyville, Ill.—First Congregational Church. Hour of service, second and fourth Sundays of each month, at 10:30 A. M. Rev. Jasper L. Douthit.

Sherwood, Mich.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M., alternate Sundays.

Sioux City, Iowa.—Unity Church, Tenth and Douglas Sts. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

Toledo, Ohio.—Church of Our Father, Ashland Ave. and Prescott St. Hour of service 10:30 A. M. Rev. Abraham M. Rihbany, 4 Ashland Place.

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